Represenintions for allotmentl of property in Secnnderabad Cantonment

3932. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of representations are pending with Ministry of Defence regarding allotment of land and property in Secnnderabad Cantonment;

(b) if so, the number of such representations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to resolve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Ex-gratia payment to World War-II Veterans

3933. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to UnStarred Question 1943 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Committee to examine ex-gratia payments to World War II veterans have been pro cessed and a decision has been taken thereon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALUKARIUN) : (a) No, ST.

(b) Question does not arise.

Offer for Upgradation of MIG 21

3934. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has received offers from Russia. U.S. Companies and Israel for upgradation of MIG 21;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of each offer; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken, if not already taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Offers for upgradation of MIG 21 BIS Aircraft, both solicited and unsolicited have been received from Russian. Israeli, French and British manufacturers/vendors. These are under scrutiny. Discussion with team of Russian specialists and Western vendors is in pro-grew.

Launching of Agni-III

3935. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the salient features of the Agni-III which was launched successfully on February 19, 1994 and the precision with which different stages of the launch were performed, in the context of the desired objectives;

(b) what were the precise objective sougt to be achived thereby; and

(c) what stage in the Agni-series does it represent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALUKARJUN): (a) and (b) AGNI-III launched on 19th Feb. 94 was configured for longer range and re-entry manoeuvre. The flight system worked successfully and all mission objectives were fully achieved.

(c) With the launch of 'AGNI-flr, 'AGNI' project is successfully completed.

Use of Defence Forces in Internal Civilian affairs

3936. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the advise reaction in the press as well as among informed circles about the excessive use of defence forces in internal civilian affairs; and

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy guideline in this regard ; if so. the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) It has always been policy of the Government to mini-nvse use of the Armed Forces in "aid to civil authorities" role. The State Governments have been advised that the Armed Forces may be requisitioned as a last re-sort; after the local police/para military forces and other State Government agencies have been deployed and when they do not prove *to* be adequate to control the situation.

Reported indiscipline among army personnel

3937. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleatad to state: